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Dear Mr. Bernabei:

I wouldn't want to rely on my memory if someone's life depended on it, but with that qualification, I am pretty clear that I saw the motorcycle policeman go up the railroad embankment after we emerged from the underpass.

That would not, of course, have been immediately after the shooting, since the press buses were fairly far back in the procession and since my colleagues have now about convinced me I was in the second press bus.

I know about the grassy-knoll controversy and have never thought the policeman I saw had anything to do with the grassy knoll. Mark Lane used to make speeches, I'm told, citing the passage you cite, and concluding that I was part of the conspiracy because it did not appear in my published account of the assassination in The Times of Nov. 23, 1963. The reason for that is that, in the context of the whole day, I attached no importance to the matter then, nor do I now.

Let me request that if you are writing anything about this matter you refrain from quoting me in any way to suggest that I doubt or disapprove the Warren Commission's findings. On the contrary, I believe the Commission provides us the only tenable thesis about what happened.

Of course, you may use what I have written in any way you wish to support your own conclusions.

Sincerely,

Tom Wicker
Associate Editor